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In re application of Docket No: Q97511 Shinichiro ABE, et al. Appln. No.: National Stage of PCT/JP2005/006051 Group Art Unit: Unknown Confirmation No.: Unknown Examiner: Unknown Filed: September 28, 2006 READ APPARATUS AND A METHOD OF DETECTING DETERIORATION OF A DISK PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages. TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS ......2

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